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**PSC TO HOLD HEARING ON NORTHWESTERN
ENERGY'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
NATURAL GAS GUIDELINES**

The state Public Service Commission will hold a hearing in Helena on Wednesday, November 9, concerning NorthWestern Energy's application for approval of natural gas procurement guidelines.

The hearing will begin at 9 am in the PSC's Bollinger Room, 1701 Prospect Avenue.

The proposed guidelines include a two-year planning cycle with annual procurement-plan review by the PSC and ongoing NorthWestern Energy consideration of demand-side management resources, risk mitigation, reduction of price volatility, contract durations, etc., in efforts to achieve the best interests of the consumer. NorthWestern Energy's proposed guidelines are filed in accordance with NorthWestern Energy's gas procurement matters before the PSC.

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